

Month on the Air by G3MGQ: December 2024

- DXpeditions in December 2024*** (Dates, DXCC, Callsign, Info from ADXO with NG3K Bill's kind permission) (# **not confirmed active** at 29 November on DX Watch)
- Nov 19-Dec 2 **Vietnam XV9X** by EA5EL YL2GM fm Phu Qoc I (IOTA AS-128); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: LoTW after 6 months; full QSL details on Web
- Nov 30-Dec 2 **Fiji 3D2NB** by W7YAQ K7AR; 160-6m; QSL: LoTW or via W7YAQ; QRV for CQWW DX CW
- Nov 15-Dec 4 **Rotuma 3D2Y** by W6IZT K4NHW M0SSDV KD9LSV LY7J W2FQ; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; 5 stations; QSL: M0OXO; QRV for CQWW DX CW
- Nov 25-Dec 6 **Tonga A35GC** by LZ1GC LZ5QZ fm (OC-049); 160-6m, focus 160 80 60m; CW SSB FT4 FT8 RTTY; QSL: LoTW, via E51SGC OQRS or LZ1GC (B/d)
- Nov 25-Dec 9 **Central African Rep TL8ES** by IV3FSG fm Bangui (JJ94gi)l 160-6m; SSB CW FT8 FT4 RTTY; QSL: LoTW or via IK2DUW
- Nov 27-Dec 10 **Singapore 9V1CF (#)** by ? 40-10M; SSB, perhaps FT8; spare time operation QSL: OE3OGC
- Nov 27-Dec 11 **Andaman & Nicobar VU4A** by VU4A fm Port Blair, Andaman Is; HF; SSB; FT8; QSL: Club Log OQRS
- Nov 8-Dec 12 **Fiji 3D2TP (#)** by PA3CBH fm Suva; HF; SSB CW; spare time operation; QSL: PA3CBH
- Nov 29-Dec 13 **Marshall Is V73WE** by SP9FIH fm OC-029 (RJ57pd); 40-10m; CW SSB FT8; verticals, quad, yagi; QSL: Club Log OQRS
- Nov 30-Dec 13 **St Martin TO9W** by K9EL K9NU W9MR W9AP; HF; CW SSB FT8 FT4 RTTY; QSL: LoTW or via W9ILY (B/d), direct w/ 2.5 USD
- Dec 1-10 **Cuba T46W** by Caibarien Radio Club fm Cayo Santa Maria (IOTA NA-204, FL02lp); 160-6m; POTA fm CU0292 and CU0298; QSL: LoTW, via CO6QK
- Dec 2-7 **India AU2K** by VE3LYC VU2RS VU3WEW VU3DXA fm Kanika I (IOTA AS-179); 40-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL: Club Log OQRS, (au2k.weebly.com)
- Dec 8-18 **Br Virgin Is VP2VMM** by K2KW AG9A KD4D K5PI; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest; QSL: LoTW via KU9C
- Dec 13-19 **Bangladesh S21DX** by 18 S21 ops fm Dhal Char I (IOTA AS-140); 160-10m; SSB RTTY FT8 (f/h); 4 stations; QSL: LoTW via EB7DX
- Dec 20-31 **French Guiana TO0J** by OZ0J; 80-10m; CW SSB, but mainly FT8 (mainly f/h); QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS
- Dec 26-Jan 4 **Dominica J75K** by FM5WD IV3JVJ IK3ZAZ fm IOTA NA-101; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8; QSL: LoTW or via IV3JVJ
- Dec 30-Jan 3 **Mariana Is KH0** by AJ6VJ as KH0/AJ6VJ fm San Roque; 40 20 17 15 12 10m; CW SSB FT8; 50w; vertical; QSL: LoTW or via Club Log OQRS

Contests (to enjoy or simply avoid!)

There are no Big ones in December, the last of the the year being the CQ Worldwide DX CW Contest over the last weekend of Nov. CW on 160m features prominently in December, but ends with the WAB Christmas Party & 4 RSGB Christmas VHF/UHF Contests.

1Dec-31Jan	0000-2400 UTC	UKSMG Winter Marathon, All modes ; 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + 4-digit square.
Tu Dec 3	1900-1955 UTC	RSGB 144MHz FMAC ; 2m FM only (144.5125-144.7875 & 145.2-145.4MHz) <50W; Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator
Dec 3	2000-2230 UTC	RSGB 144MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 2m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square
W Dec 4	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (4hr) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
Dec 4	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB FT8 UKAC, 2m, FT8 (2hr only) 144MHz: Pwr<100W or <10W, Exchange: Report + 4-digit IARU locator
Th Dec 5	1800-2200 UTC	NRAU 10m Activity Contest , 10m only; 1 hour in turn on CW, SSB, FM, Digital; Exchange: RS(T) + 6-digit IARU locator
Dec 6 - 8	2200-1600 UTC	ARRL 160m Contest; CW ; 160m only, work USA & Canadian stns only. Exchange: RST (+ARRL/RAC Section)
Dec 7 - 8	1200-1159 UTC	PRO CW Contest, CW ; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + serial number (+ Pro-CW Club Ref)
Su Dec 8	1000-1400 UTC	RSGB 2m AFS Contest ; 2m only, Exchange: RST + serial number + 6-digit IARU locator.
Tu Dec 10	2000-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FMAC ; 70cm FM only (432.525-432.975,433.400-433.475MHz) <50W;Exchange: RS(T), Serial No, 6-digit IARU locator
Dec 10	2100-2230 UTC	RSGB 432MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 70cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
W Dec 11	1700-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (4hr) 70cm only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Dec 11	1900-2100 UTC	RSGB 432MHz FT8 AC, FT8 (2hr only) 2m only Exchange: Report + 4-digit square.
Th Dec 12	2000-2230 UTC	RSGB 50MHz UKAC, Phone & CW 6m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Dec 14-15	0000-2359 UTC	ARRL 10m Contest, Phone & CW , 10m only, Exchange: RST + serial number/State/Province.
Dec 14-15	1200-2359 UTC	SKCC Weekend Sprint, CW ; 180-6m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + Country/State + Name + SKCC No/"None"
Tu Dec 17	2000-2230 UTC	RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC, All modes ; 23cm only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
Th Dec 19	2000-2230 UTC	RSGB 70MHz UKAC, All modes ; 4m only Exchange: RS(T) + serial number + 6-digit square.
F Dec 20	1700-2100 UTC	Russian 160m Contest; CW, SSB ; 160m only; Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No/Oblast code
Dec 21	0000- 2359 UTC	Feld Hell Sprint, Hellschriber ; HF (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST , FH#, State/province/country, Locator, QRP (if <5W)
Dec 21	0000-2400 UTC	OK DX RTTY Contest, RTTY , 80-10m (Not WARC bands), Exchange: RST + CQ zone (14)
Dec 21-22	1400-1400 UTC	Croatian CW Contest, CW ; 160-10m (Not WARC bands) Exchange: RST + serial number
26Dec-6Jan	0000-2400 UTC	WAB Christmas Party, all modes, (QSOs, not a contest) , Exchange: WAB Book number
W Dec 25	0000-0200 UTC	SKCC Sprint, CW ; 160-6m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RST + Country/State + Name + Power/SKCC No.
Th Dec 26	0830-1059 UTC	DARC Christmas Contest, CW, SSB ; 80 & 40m; Exchange: RS(T) + QSO number/DOK.
F Dec 27	1500-1700 UTC	RSGB 50MHz Christmas Contest;All modes ; 6m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (each band) + 6-digit IARU locator.
Sa Dec 28	0000-2359 UTC	RAC Winter Contest, CW & Phone , 160m-2m (Not 4m or WARC bands), Exchange: RS(T) + serial number/VE Province
Dec 28	1500-1700 UTC	RSGB 70MHz Christmas Contest; All modes ; 4m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (each band) + 6-digit IARU locator.
Su Dec 29	1500-1700 UTC	RSGB 1440MHz Christmas Contest; All modes ; 2m only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (each band) + 6-digit IARU locator.
M Dec 30	1500-1700 UTC	RSGB 432MHz Christmas Contest; All modes ; 70cm only, Exchange: RS(T) + serial number (each band) + 6-digit IARU locator.
Dec 30	1000-2159 UTC	YOTA (Youngsters on the Air) Contest, CW, SSB ; 80-10m (Not WARC bands); Exchange: RS(T) + Ops Age (in 2023)
Dec 30-31	0300-0400 UTC	QCX Monthly Challenge, CW ; 80,40,20m, 3x1hr @ 1300,1900 & 0300UTC, QRP<5W>HP, Exchange: true RST, Name, state/country, rig
Dec 28-29	1500-1500 UTC	Stew Perry Topband Challenge, CW , 160m only, Exchange: IARU 4-digit square

Weekly Wednesdays CWops Mini-CWT, CW;160-10m (not WARC); straight key; call "CQ CWT" 28-38kHz up from band edge; Exchange: Name & State/DX Country Prefix. At 1300-1400 UTC focus is Asia & Pacific; **1900-2000 UTC focus is Europe & Africa** & Thursday 0300-0400 focus is USA & Canada.

Mondays 0000-0100 UTC **K1USN SST, CW QRS<20wpm**; 80,40,20m (32-39kHz>band edge); any Morse key; call "CQ SST"; Pwr: QRP<5W<LP<100W; Exchange: Name & State/DX Country Prefix (GBR)

Also **Mondays** 2000-2100 UTC **Hastings ERC QRS CW Net** (G0ILN & G0JHK) 28.055MHz or 3563kHz (+/-QRM) with talkback FM on 145.275MHz